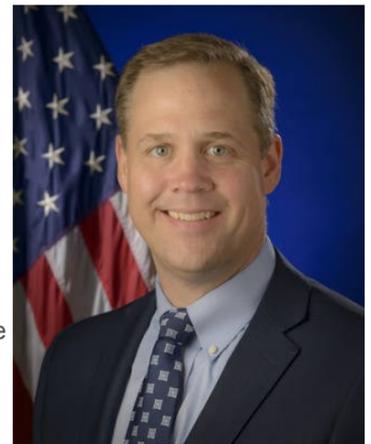


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New NASA Administrator Sworn In

James Frederick "Jim" Bridenstine was nominated by President Donald Trump, confirmed by the United States Senate, and sworn in as NASA's 13th Administrator on April 23, 2018 by Vice President Mike Pence.



In 2012, Bridenstine was elected to represent Oklahoma's First Congressional District in the U.S. House of Representatives. There, he served on the Armed Services Committee, as well as the Science, Space, and Technology Committee.

Bridenstine's career in Federal service began in the U.S. Navy, flying the E-2C Hawkeye off the USS Abraham Lincoln aircraft carrier. It was there that he flew combat missions in Iraq and Afghanistan and accrued most of his 1,900 flight hours and 333 carrier-arrested landings. He later moved to the F-18 Hornet and flew at the Naval Strike and Air Warfare Center, the parent command to TOPGUN.

After transitioning from active duty to the U.S. Navy Reserve, Bridenstine returned to Tulsa, Oklahoma, to be the Executive Director of the Tulsa Air and Space Museum & Planetarium.

Bridenstine was promoted to the rank of Lieutenant Commander in 2012 while flying missions in Central and South America in support of America's war on drugs. In 2015, he transitioned to the 137th Special Operations Wing of the Oklahoma Air National Guard.

Bridenstine completed a triple major at Rice University, and earned his MBA at Cornell University. He has three children with his wife, Michelle.

"NASA represents the best of the United States of America," said Bridenstine. "We lead, we discover, we pioneer, and we inspire. I look forward to our journey together."

FY17 Small Business Administrator's Cup Award

The NSSC was presented the Agency's FY17 Small Business Administrator's Cup Award at an All Hands ceremony April 30. The award was presented to NSSC's Executive Director Anita Harrell (pictured in center) by Deputy Associate Administrator Krista Paquin (far right) and Associate Administrator of the Office of Small Business Programs Glenn A. Delgado (far left.) This was the first year that the NSSC has received this prestigious award.



NSSC Awards SmartPay 3 Task Order

The NSSC Procurement Office is pleased to announce that they awarded NASA's SmartPay 3 (SP3) task order on April 20, 2018.

This award is under the General Services Administration's SP3 master contract, which provides charge cards and payment solutions to more than 560 Federal agencies, organizations, and Native American tribal governments. NASA is one of seven agencies who have awarded their task order which is considered a huge feat.

U.S. Bank was selected to provide NASA with purchase, travel, and fleet charge cards. The selected card brands are VISA for Purchase and Travel Cards and U.S. Bank's Voyager brand for Fleet Cards. The task order has a base period of 4 years and consists of three option periods extending out to November 2031.

The NSSC will host the SP3 Kick-off Conference on May 9, 2018, where U.S. Bank and VISA teams will meet with key NASA team members to ensure contractual requirements are understood and to line-up the testing efforts between the bank and the technical teams at the Agency Applications Office (AAO,) who manage NASA's purchase and travel card systems.

The SP3 Transition Management Team has been established and will work to transition efforts over the next several months, ensuring a smooth transition to U.S. Bank on November 30, 2018. Employees who are travel cardholders and purchase cardholders will be issued new credit cards in the October timeframe to begin making transactions with U.S. Bank on November 30th. Additional information and various communication will be forthcoming in the near future.

The SP3 Project Team consisted of the Agency Leads for Purchase, Travel, and Fleet Cards, representatives for purchase and travel cards across the Centers, key Headquarters personnel as well as technical purchase and travel card personnel from the AAO.

Congratulations to the SP3 Project Team for their hard work and efforts in making this award!

SATERN Migration Team Appreciation

On April 19, 2018, the Office of Human Capital Management (OHCM) presented the NASA Shared Services Center (NSSC) System for Administration, Training, and Educational Resources for NASA (SATERN) Migration team members (shown in picture) with a Certificate of Appreciation for their efforts in migrating SATERN to a cloud environment. The NSSC received accolades for demonstrating exemplary leadership, teamwork, communication, and dedication in support of the SATERN upgrade and migration.

The new version of SATERN launched on March 15, 2018 and featured a few changes, including a new look and user experience to the SATERN interface and updates to the SF-182 form for requesting external training. The NSSC also developed reference videos that assist in providing an [Overview of Navigating My Learning](#) and an [Overview of SF-182](#) in SATERN for all e-learners.



Way Back When...

"Everyone has to start somewhere." A phrase we've all heard at some point. Check out the first jobs that some of our NSSC folks held, much before their time here with us!

I made \$2 an hour picking tobacco by hand and tossing 70 lb. hay bales onto flatbed trucks in the hot southern Georgia summers. — Bob Poncet

Bus Aide riding with kids with developmental disabilities making \$2.30/hour — Teri Green

I was a minor league baseball player playing for the Harrisonburg Turks in Virginia. — Jim Caldwell

Thoroughbred horse groomer before school, grocery store cashier after school. — Monica Corley

My first job was at Winn Dixie and I'm pretty sure I only made \$3.75 an hour. I know it wasn't \$4. I would have been ecstatic with \$4! — Wendy Byrd

My first job was selling Apple computer equipment in Radio Shack while I was in high school... You could say that I worked in the very first Apple Store! — Darryl Smith

My first job was in a call center taking phone orders for various catalog companies. Ah, the days before Amazon... — Angel Fouquet

My first job was delivering morning newspapers, had about 75 – 80 houses to deliver back in the Stone Age. Started at 11 years old in a small town in rural VA. Seven days a week, 365 days a year. Carried the papers in a canvas sack and walked the paper route every morning before school. Cold during the winter mornings, not so bad during summer months. The best thing was making the money, not much but enough to buy the things my parents weren't going to buy me. — Matt Drudy

My first job was at Burger Chef in Jeffersontown, KY. I do not recall how much I was paid. I was 16. — Kathy Linn

McDonald's during the summer — Karen Borne

Making pizza's at Godfather's Pizza — Troy Chivers

My first job was working for my pawpaw's playground and outdoor equipment company in the mailroom. I don't think I was making more than \$5 hr. — Colleen Canary

I was a caddy making \$4.25 a round, plus tip. — Paul Rydeen

I made \$4 an hour as a gas station attendant. — Ken Newton

Paperboy \$25-30/week — Mike Sweigart

